(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) the details of each of the accident of MIG aircraft crash which took place so far in 1996, the reasons therefor in each case, the number of persons killed and injured, the compensation paid and the results of enquiries conducted in each case; and

(d) the follow up action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. On 17th October, 1996, a MiG-21 FL during a "Tail Chase" exercise had an engine flame-out near Tezpur and crashed.

(c) Since January, 1996, 17 accidents on MiG variant aircraft have occurred. The Courts of Inquiry revealed that the cause of these accidents were Technical Defects, Human Error and Bird Strike. Five pilots sustained fatal injuries and one pilot was seriously injured. Three civilians were also killed. An amount of Rs. 2,15,650 has been paid towards the compensation for damage to civil property and loss of life.

(d) To contain these accidents, air support and attack patterns have been reviewed, and the manufacturers are also being associated. Steps have also been taken by the Ministries of Agriculture and Urban Affairs and Employment and the concerned State Governments for modernisation of slaughter houses/ carcass utilisation centres and sanitisation of areas around the bird-prone airfields to reduce bird activity.

Sharing of Ganga Water with Bangladesh

1490. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :
SHRI CHITTA BASU :
SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI :
DR. SAHEBRAO SUKRAM BAGUL :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Union Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Hasina to employ 'Bengali' factor to end water row" appearing in 'The Indian Express' New Delhi dated November 3, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the progress made so far to tackle the problem of sharing of Ganga water with Bangladesh;

(d) whether the Bangladesh Prime Minister is likely to visit Delhi sort out this problem;

(e) the stand of the Union Government on this aspect; and

(f) whether the West Bengal Chief Minister will also be associated with the talks and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Discussions with regard to the sharing of Ganga waters have been held with the Government of Bangladesh. The discussions are continuing.

(d) The Bangladesh Prime Minister has been invited to visit India but the dates for such visit have not yet been fixed.

(e) Government of India would continue efforts for working out a mutually acceptable solution.

(f) Representative from West Bengal would continue to be associated with the talks on Ganga water sharing.

Irrigation Borewells

1491. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh propose to take up 10,000 irrigation bore wells for the poor backward farmers;

(b) whether from this project 50,000 acre will be irrigated and 10,000 employment will be created;

(c) if so, whether means of finance was from NBCFDC term loan DRDA subsidy, State Margin Money of APBCCFC and beneficiaries contribution @ 53;

(d) whether clearance from the Union Government has been asked in this regard; and

(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be given?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b). The question concerns State Government of Andhra Pradesh. However, as per information received from the State Government, it proposes to take up 10,000 irrigation borewells. Irrigation potential ranging from 30,000 to 50,000 acres will be created and seasonal employment for about 10,000 agricultural labourers will be generated.

(c) The scheme will be financed by NBCFDC term loan, DRDA subsidy, State Margin Money of APBCCFC and beneficiaries contribution will be @ 5%.

(d) and (e). Union Government clearance is not required. Approval has been accorded by National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation, New Delhi.

Public Record Policy

1492. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India has not yet worked out any public record policy based on statutes;